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SUBJECT: KUWAIT TO RECEIVE "PALESTINIAN, NOT HAMAS,"
OFFICIALS; "NO FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME"

Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) During a March 19 meeting with Counselor Zelikow, Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al-Salem Al-Sabah reported that the Kuwaiti government would receive an emissary of the Palestinian Prime Minister-designate on March 25. He emphasized, however, that Kuwait had been very careful to stress that the emissary would be representing the elected Palestinian government, not Hamas. The GOK set strict guidelines for the visit, forbidding the Palestinian official to attend, let alone speak at, gatherings or engage in fund-raising. Shaykh Dr. Mohammed said the GOK "would not make any financial commitments at this time."

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